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Hard times is like a pesky little cur. The more you kick at 'em, the more they follow you up. Shut up and go on about your business and you don't hear any more of either of 'em.—Success.

SMALL BLAZE BECAME VERITABLE HOLOCAUST

One-third of Chelsea, Mass., in Ruins and Ten Thousand Persons Rendered Homeless.

Two Lives Lost and Hundreds of Persons Injured—Property Destroyed to the Value of Millions.

Boston, April 12.—An apparently insignificant fire which started among rags on a dump in the city of Chelsea today, was fanned by a northwest gale into a conflagration which obliterated nearly one-third of the city. Five hundred dwelling houses and public buildings were destroyed, fifteen hundred families were driven from their homes and ten thousand people made homeless. Two lives are known to have been lost, and at a late hour tonight it was reported that two other persons had perished, one, a woman, having shot herself in a frenzy over her inability to save her property. From fifty to one hundred persons were injured. Accurate estimates of the loss is impossible. The city solicitor estimates it at nearly \$10,000,000. The fire raged for a forty-five mile gale for more than twelve hours, defying the utmost efforts of the combined fire departments of Chelsea and several nearby cities and a large detachment of Boston firemen and apparatus.

Swept Across the City.

The fire area, which was in the form of an ellipse, a mile and a half long and half a mile wide at its broadest part, extended diagonally across the city from a point near the boundary between Everett and Chelsea to the waters of Chelsea creek. It was useless for the firemen to attempt to check the onrushing flames before the gale and their main efforts were to prevent a spread of the fire on either side. Their last stand was taken at Chelsea square late in the afternoon and for hours a doubtful battle was waged. At 9 o'clock word was passed that the firemen were winning and with renewed energy the contest was pressed. At 10:30 official announcement was made by Chief H. A. Spencer that the fire was under control.

Most of the Buildings Wooden.

A great majority of the buildings were of wood and were completely destroyed, but structures of other material were almost as quickly and thoroughly incinerated.

All the banks, more than three-quarters of the churches, half of the business blocks and nearly all the school houses, were wiped out. One hospital and a day nursery were destroyed. In the turmoil many of the sick and infirm found difficulty in obtaining assistance and several of them narrowly escaped.

Late in the afternoon the wind had carried burning embers across Chelsea creek and buildings in East Boston caught, but extensive damage there was prevented by prompt and energetic work by the firemen.

Partial List of Injured.

Among the injured were:
Fireman Carroll, of Charlestown, overcome by smoke and burned about head; condition critical.
Engineer Charles Carroll, Boston, overcome and badly burned; condition critical.
Mrs. Rosie Plas, Marine hospital, in bad condition. Gave birth to child yesterday and removed from burning house.
A. H. Leach, Chelsea, badly burned.
Police Officer W. J. O'Neil, Chelsea, overcome.
Police Officer T. E. Flynn, Chelsea, overcome.
Captain B. F. Hayes, engine 27, Boston, overcome and ordered home.
Bernard Johnson, volunteer fireman, Boston; burned about head.
John Gowdy, Chelsea, leg injured.

DENVER PREPARING TO WELCOME THE DEMOCRATIC HOSTS TO CONVENTION

Metropolis of Colorado Will Outdo Anything Attempted in the Way of Entertainment.

Denver, Colo., April 12.—A monster dinner, constructed of paper mache, located at the principal four corners of the city, will welcome the delegates to Denver when they come to the Democratic national convention on July 7. This emblem has been selected instead of the prosaic donkey, as the striped king of the jungle lends himself more readily to the purposes of ornamentation.

A special committee of citizens is at work devising plans for the suitable decoration of the city during the convention. The decision to erect a mammoth figure of a tiger at the junction of Sixteenth street and Broadway, as the central piece of decoration is the first step in the work of the committee.

Thousands of electric lights will be strung on wires across the streets, and flags and bunting will be freely used in the decorative scheme.

Certain of Welcome.

At a meeting of the Convention league yesterday committees were appointed to welcome the delegates with special marks of hospitality the delegates from each of the states of the union. Residents from every state are members of these committees. Many of them will be welcoming old friends among the state delegations from their former places of residence.

There will be 2,016 delegates and alternates in the Democratic convention,

Lieutenant Hefferman, engine 27, overcome by smoke.
Sally Watkins, an aged cripple, removed from burning house by four Harvard students; suffering from the shock.
District Chief Albert Porter, Boston, burned about head and face, collapsed.
Sergeant Charles F. Dugan, Fifth company coast artillery, head, eyes and face burned.
Ladderman J. W. Robinson, Chelsea, head and face burned.
Fireman Charles H. Libbey, Cambridge, overcome by smoke.
A. C. Holland, Chelsea, face burned.
M. J. Fern, no address, burned about head and face.
W. J. Saver, paralytic, removed from burning place four times, suffering from shock.
Thomas Pond, Chelsea, suffering from excitement and weakness following recent operation.
Joseph Meadows, broken leg.
Captain Preble, Lynn fire department, dangerously burned.
Sadie Baumstein, aged eleven, Chelsea; arms burned.
Chief Evans, Melrose fire department; face and hands burned.
Captain William, Chelsea, head and shoulders burned.
H. Quinn, coast artilleryman; face and hands burned.
A. S. Rooney, Lynn, burns.
P. Rogers, Lynn, burns.
C. C. Stover, fireman, Lynn; burns.
W. S. Northrop, fireman, Lynn; burns.
E. J. Pike, fireman, Lynn; burns.
R. D. Dwyer, fireman, Lynn; burns.
Captain Avery, Lynn; burns.
Sergeant Gallie, Chelsea police, overcome by smoke.
Frank McCarthy, policeman, burns.
Private Albert Kneble, Lynn, burns.
Paul Freeman, infant, burns.
Phillip Duland, Chelsea, assistant fire chief, burns.
Frank A. Chase, Chelsea, overcome by smoke and suffering from heart trouble, condition serious.
Paul Freeman, infant, burns.

Born During Fire.

At least two children were born during the fire. Mrs. J. Smoke, of 134 Chestnut street, and Mrs. J. M. Arnold, of 77 Maverick street, were the mothers of the infants. In both cases the births occurred shortly before the fire reached the homes of the parents. The mothers and children were removed to the Naval hospital in an ambulance.

STORY OF THE FIRE.

Once Started, Nothing Could Stop the Onrushing Flames.

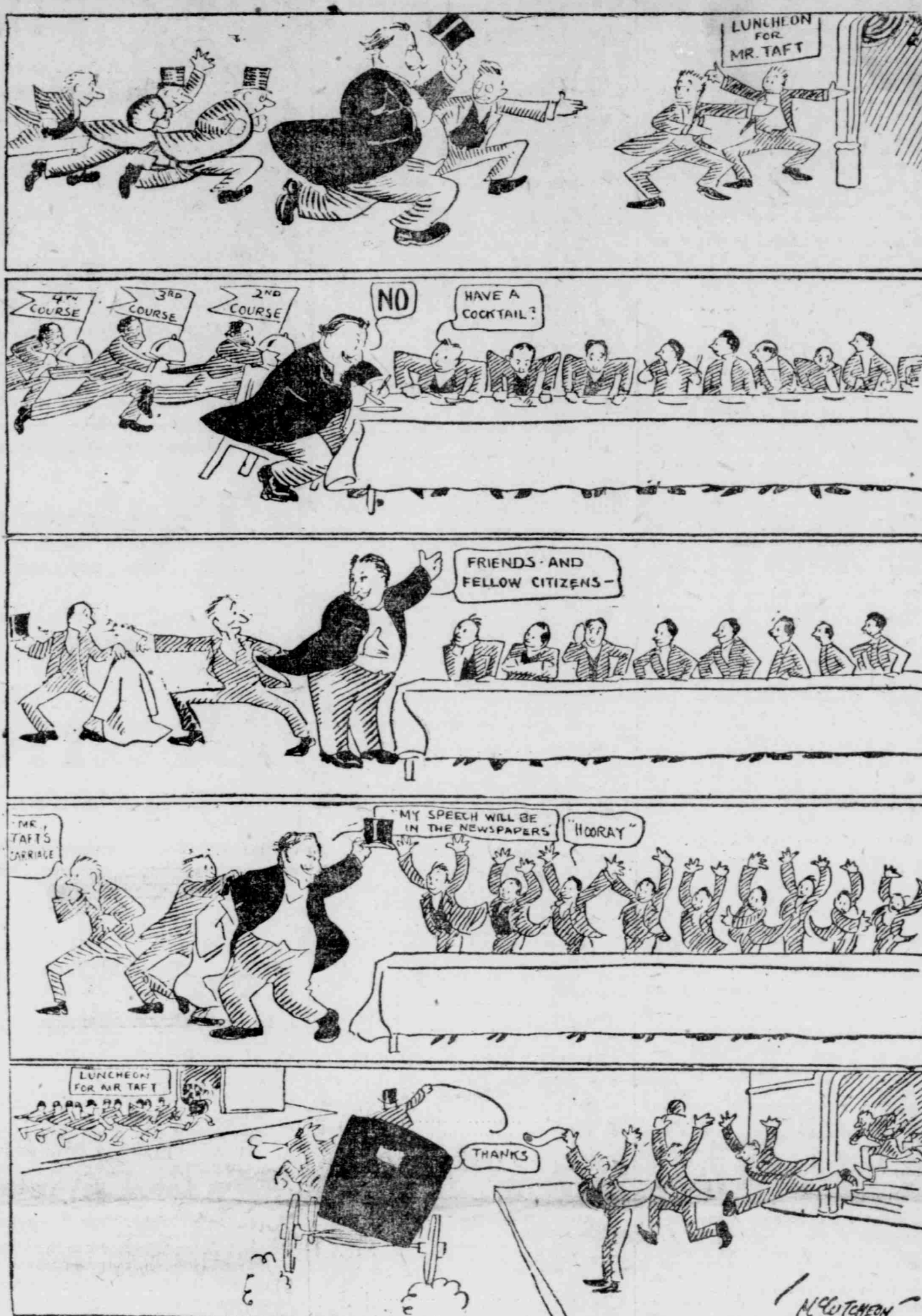
Boston, April 12.—Fire today devastated the manufacturing, tenement and retail sections of Chelsea, burning over one square mile of territory and making many of the city's best structures. The fire started at 10:30 a. m. and was not under control until 11 o'clock, notwithstanding that half of the Boston fire department's strength and steamers from a dozen other cities and towns went to the aid of the Chelsea brigade. The loss is estimated at more than \$10,000,000. About 1,500 families are homeless.

As far as could be learned there had been two or three fatalities up to that time. Half a hundred persons were either injured or painfully burned.

Wind Blowing a Gale.

The fire originated in the rear of the Boston Blacking company's works on West Third street near the eastern division of the Boston & Maine railroad, in close proximity to the Everett city line.

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Running for Office.

REVELATIONS IN UNKNOWN TONGUE

Elder of Reorganized Church Interprets Words of Spirit—More Prophecies Expected.

Kansas City, April 12.—The delivery of a prophecy in an unknown tongue was the feature of today's meeting of the world's conference of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in session at Independence, Mo. The spirit talking or gift of tongues came during the morning service and in the presence of a vast assemblage in the big church of the Saints. Elder J. W. Wight, one of the quorum of twelve, arose in his place and while the large audience waited breathlessly, he uttered a few words in a tongue unknown to his hearers. Then he interpreted the message to the congregation. It warned the Saints that many of the revelations had been done were displeasing to the spirit; that calamities were about to come upon the earth, and concluded:
"The time is not far distant when from various parts of the earth will I call my people together, and the Gentile nations shall be gathered. For soon will I turn from them unto my people that have been my people in times past. From the Gentiles will I turn and then my people, sanctified unto me through Father Abraham, will come from the four parts of the earth, center together and be prepared to meet my Son, when he shall come upon earth. Yea, thus saith the spirit unto you in warning voice this morning. Amen."

The meeting continued at the conclusion of Elder Wight's interpretation as though nothing unusual had happened, though much importance is attached to the gift of tongues, especially in the case of Elder Wight, on account of his high standing in the church, he standing next to the presidency.
Elder Hutchings of Little Sioux, Ia., also uttered a prophecy in an unknown tongue. His people, especially the priesthood, to exhort and teach his people to purify their hearts that they may be fitted to receive the revelations which are expected before the conference adjourns.

ALARM OF FIRE.

Department Succeeds in Extinguishing Blaze Before Damage Is Done.

An alarm of fire was turned in from the Hooper-Eldredge building, on Main street, at 7 o'clock last evening on account of the flaming of an oil stove in room 46, occupied by C. D. Anderson. The burner was filled too full of oil and blazed up when lighted. Fearing that the building might catch fire, the alarm was turned in.
Assistant Chief Crosby and the apparatus from headquarters responded and were at the building in thirty seconds. The firemen had been opened here by their supporters, and active work in behalf of each of them is being done.

MERE MEASURE OF PRECAUTION

Entire Strength of Florida State Militia on Duty at Pensacola.

Jacksonville, Fla., April 12.—Governor Broward today ordered every command of the state militia to proceed at once to Pensacola. The sounding of the riot call summoning the three companies here to quarters gave rise to a report that a serious strike riot was in progress at Pensacola, but this proved to be a mistake, later advices showing that the electric company had decided to start cars on its lines tomorrow and that the troops had been called out as a measure of precaution, as further trouble is feared.

Official Order.

The following order was received late this afternoon from Adjutant General Clifford R. Foster from Tallahassee:
"Assemble companies A, D and F immediately and proceed by afternoon train to Pensacola, there reporting to Colonel Leffles on arrival. Take every available man, heavy marching order. Round up multiple ball cartridges per man. Commutation of railroads allowed for trip, and 20 cents on the dollar to cover their general alarm so as to get men out quickly, and take as many as possible."

Call to Arms.

Upon receipt of this message the fire whistle sounded the riot call, and military men, policemen, deputy sheriffs and special officers rushed to their quarters. At 6:30 o'clock 120 men and the Gatling gun detachment left for Pensacola.
A special from Live Oak stated that the Suwannee guards, the Tallahassee, Apalachicola and other companies had proceeded to Pensacola on the morning train.

NORTHERN PACIFIC WILL PAY ONE-HALF

Helena, Mont., April 12.—Residents of Big Timber, Mont., the town which was almost entirely destroyed by fire last month, have been notified by the Northern Pacific company that they will be paid 50 cents on the dollar to cover their losses. This action is taken by the railroad company from the fact that the disastrous fire, which left hundreds of people homeless, was started by a spark from a Northern Pacific locomotive. The decision of the Northern Pacific to pay one-half of the fire loss is not the outgrowth of civil suits, but is a voluntary action on the part of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific.

OVERWORK KILLED HIM.

Kansas City, April 12.—Suffering from nervousness which has followed him since he worked at his telegraph key in the Western Union office, for fifty consecutive hours after the earthquake in San Francisco, Jay A. Gannage today committed suicide by shooting. He was 30 years old, unmarried and was employed at a suburban station by the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad.

COUNT POTOCKI LATEST VICTIM

Governor of Austro-Polish Province of Galicia Is Killed by Student.

Lemberg, April 12.—Count Andreas Potocki, governor of the Austro-Polish province of Galicia, was assassinated this afternoon by a Ruthenian student, Miroslaw Sjoszynski by name, while giving an audience to a delegation of students. The assassin fired three shots from a revolver, all of which took effect. The governor died soon afterword, but first asked his secretary to inform his majesty at once. "Tell him," said the dying man, "I was his most faithful servant."
The assassin did not resist arrest. When taken through the governor's ante-chamber he said to the Ruthenian peasants who were waiting for an audience:
"I have done this for you."
The assassin's brother, who had been informed of the plan to kill the governor, committed suicide shortly before the murder. The affair has caused a great sensation throughout the monarchy.
The Potocki family is among the prominent aristocrats of Polish blood. On learning of the tragedy the emperor sent a message of sympathy.
Many Ruthenians have been arrested, but none as yet have been implicated in the assassination. The assassin declares that he thought it his duty to revenge the Poles for the oppression by Potocki's government.

"THE ROOSEVELT WAY."

Wagon Road to Perpetuate the Name of the President.

Denver, Colo., April 12.—Gilbert R. Weir, a real estate broker of this city, has taken up the project of uniting a series of connecting roads, making a wagon road from the Atlantic to the Pacific, as nearly straight as possible, and under one name, "The Roosevelt Way."

There will be at least 550 miles from the mountains in Colorado to St. Joseph, Mo., an absolutely straight line, probably the longest straight road in the world.

The project is well under way. It has already been endorsed by the governments of three states and the commercial bodies of five cities, and the leading automobile manufacturers of the country.

JUDGE COLBURN RETURNS.

Judge E. F. Colburn returned last evening from a business trip to Colorado and Kansas points. He was away from Salt Lake two weeks in all. Judge Colburn said that in the cities he visited business conditions were excellent and the recovery from the recent financial depression was marked. Prospects for crops in the agricultural regions were good. He is of the opinion that an early spring in the wheat belt would increase the prosperity of the country materially.

DELEGATES TO HAVE FREE HAND

New York Democrats Will Go to Denver Convention Uninstructed.

ACTION THERE UNCERTAIN

MINOR CANDIDATES, IN CONSEQUENCE, HAVE HOPE.

New York, April 12.—Whether the Democratic state convention, which is to meet in Carnegie hall in this city on Tuesday next, will vote to send an uninstructed delegation to the national convention at Denver in July is a question which is exciting the keenest interest among the followers of the various candidates.

The state committee at a recent meeting here, with but one dissenting vote, voted to send a delegation unfettered by instructions, and the organization plans to carry out this program at the state convention.

Connors Against Bryan.

Chairman William J. Connors of the state committee has said that there is very little real sentiment throughout the state for the nomination of William J. Bryan, and the majority of delegates elected to the state convention from the various counties have been left free to act as the organization will. Enough Bryan sentiment remains, however, to give promise of a lively convention, and there is a probability of a warm debate in the committee on resolutions in the event of any Bryan supporters being given a place on the committee. Some of the Bryan men may try to prevent the organization from consummating its plans by carrying the fight for an instructed delegation for Bryan to the floor of the convention.

Western New Yorkers on Record.

The association of Democrats of western New York has gone on record in favor of Bryan's nomination and will urge the convention to instruct its delegates to vote for the Nebraska first, last and all the time.

The committee on credentials will have some political tangles to unravel, as several counties will send contesting delegations to the convention.
Chairman Connors, while favoring an uninstructed delegation to Denver, has expressed the belief that Governor Johnson of Minnesota is the strongest candidate in the Democratic field of presidential possibilities. Governor Johnson's friends are watching the action of New York and Pennsylvania, both of which are expected to send their delegates uninstructed to Denver.

Gray's Candidacy.

The formal launching of the candidacy of Judge George Gray of Delaware at Dover on Tuesday is expected, and his followers would welcome an uninstructed delegation from New York, with the attendant possibility of winning the New Yorkers over to Delaware's candidacy.

Chairman Connors has been in conference with Charles E. Murphy of Tammany hall and the other party leaders during the past week, arranging the convention program. The state committee will meet tomorrow afternoon at the Victoria hotel to perfect the temporary organization. Thomas Carmody of Penn Yan will preside as temporary chairman and will address the convention at the opening session.

Carmody to Preside.

It is expected that the temporary organization will be made permanent throughout the convention. Four delegates at large to the national convention are to be elected, and it is expected that "Chairman Connors and Charles E. Murphy will be named as two of the delegates. Delegates from the thirty-seven congressional districts will meet during the day and select national delegates, two for each district, whose names will be reported to the convention later by the committee on national delegates for acceptance.

ROOSEVELT PLANS YEAR OF TRAVEL AFTER LEAVING THE WHITE HOUSE

Will Avoid the Beaten Track of the Tourist and Endeavor to Bring Down Some Big Game.

Washington, April 12.—Should President Roosevelt's present desires be realized, he will spend the first year after his retirement from office in travel outside the United States.

Mr. Roosevelt's itinerary, however, has not been determined. His plan is to see some of the rugged and little frequented portions of foreign lands, as well as to travel the beaten track of the tourist. That the president will indulge his fondness for hunting big game is believed by those to whom he has confided his intentions.

Plans Outlined.

It was at the recent dinner of the Boone and Crockett club in this city that the president laid out his intentions for next year. He was told of the opportunities for hunting in Alaska and urged to arrange for a trip there. This, he said, would interfere with his plan for foreign travel and would have to be considered, if at all, at some future time.

President Roosevelt is quoted as adding at this time:
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NEW CABINET IN GREAT BRITAIN

Names Announced by Premier Asquith Identical With the Forecast.

PARLIAMENT TO CONTINUE

LIBERALS WILL NOT TAKE CHANCES ON AN ELECTION.

London, April 12.—Official announcement was made tonight of the new cabinet appointments and they are identical with the forecast made by the Daily Chronicle a few days ago and announced in these dispatches, as follows:

Herbert Asquith, premier and first lord of the treasury.
David Lloyd George, chancellor of the exchequer.
Lord Tweedmouth, president of the council.

Earl of Crewe, secretary of state for the colonies.
Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty.
Winston Spencer Churchill, president of the board of trade.

Walter Runciman, president of the board of education.
John Morley, secretary of state for India, and Sir Henry Fowler, chancellor of the duchy of Lancaster, have been made peers, but retain their present offices.

Colonel J. H. B. Seeley has been appointed under secretary for the colonies; Lord Lucas, parliamentary secretary of the war office; Lord Dunsany, first secretary of war office, and Thomas R. Buchanan, parliamentary secretary, India office.

Few Changes Made.

Having been fully anticipated in well-informed political circles, the few changes which Mr. Asquith made in taking the Campbell-Bannerman cabinet caused no surprise. There had been some speculation as to whether the new premier would think it well to dissolve parliament, and he would have been fully justified, in assuming the government under somewhat unusual circumstances, in taking the course of appealing to the country for a new mandate. He has, however, evidently decided otherwise.

His aim in composing the cabinet seemingly has been to avoid as far as possible any by-elections in constituencies where the faith in Liberalism is wavering. The changes as announced will only necessitate four by-elections, of which three, however, held respectively by John Morley, Walter Runciman and Sir Henry Fowler, may be considered quite safe.

Bitter Fight Probable.

Winston Spencer Churchill's re-election in Manchester, however, is considered decidedly doubtful. Until called by Mr. Churchill, after one of the most notable contests thirty months ago, this seat had been for a decade a Conservative stronghold.

Mr. Churchill will throw himself into the struggle with all his might and energy, but his opponents have anticipated and prepared for the struggle for two years past, and he will have the hardest possible task to hold his seat.
Now that it is officially confirmed, perhaps the most striking feature in the new cabinet is the lean of David Lloyd George to the front rank in political life. As second minister in rank, he becomes the deputy leader of the house of commons and the prospective heir to the premiership should any unforeseen accident leave that office vacant.

It is interesting to note that before giving the chancellorship to Lloyd George, Mr. Asquith offered it to Mr. Morley.
Mr. McKenna, the admiralty chief, is credited with being an advocate of economy in the navy.
Some further minor appointments outside the cabinet will be announced after the king's return to London.

The condition of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman is reported by his physicians as being unchanged.

NOW IN ONE COMPANY.

Logan, April 12.—At a meeting held here last night the Copper Zone and Onondaga Mining companies, which own twenty valuable copper claims in the Silver Island, or, as it is sometimes called, the Crater Island district, in Box Elder county, were consolidated. The Copper Zone had nine claims and the Onondaga eleven, but in the new million-dollar company that was formed, a lot of stockholders received 80,000 shares, 200,000 shares being retained in the treasury. Many hundreds of feet of tunneling have been done on the various claims, and are rich in copper and carrying as high as 200 ounces of silver has been uncovered. Work on the properties will now be increased.
J. R. Edwards of this city is president of the company, Robert Murdoch vice president, and Charles secretary and F. W. Thatcher treasurer.

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